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Art Unit : 1763	Customer No. : 27,076
Examiner : Sylvia R. MacArthur	
Title : METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PLANARIZING MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATE ASSEMBLIES	

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Respectfully submitted,

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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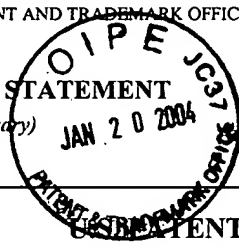
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## DEPENDENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,620,946	04/15/97	Jahnke et al.	507	131	
	AB	5,958,794	09/28/99	Bruxvoort et al.	438	692	
	AC	5,972,792	10/26/99	Hudson	438	691	
	AD	6,200,896 B1	03/13/01	Sethuraman et al.	438	691	
	AE	6,302,766 B1	10/16/01	Sethuraman et al.	451	41	
	AF	6,572,453 B1	06/03/03	Wijekoon et al.	451	56	
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	AK	WO 97/11484	03/27/97	PCT	H01L	21/3105		
	AL	JP 10034514	02/10/98	Japan (English Abstract)	B24B	21/00	X	
	AM							
	AN							
	AO							

## OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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## **FEE CALCULATION**

### **1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1001	770	2001	385	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Filing Fee
1002	340	2002	170	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee
1003	530	2003	265	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Filing Fee
1004	770	2004	385	<input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee
1005	160	2005	80	<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Filing Fee

**Subtotal (1) \$ 0**

### **2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	-	20	= 0 x \$	= \$ 0
Ind.	-	3	= 0 x \$	= \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims			x \$	= \$
			<b>Subtotal (2)</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent Claim
1204	86	2204	43	Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

### **3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath	\$
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	\$
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For Filing a Request for <i>ex parte</i> Reexamination	\$
1804	920	1804	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
1805	1,840	1805	1,840	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	\$
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within 2 <sup>nd</sup> month	\$
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within 3 <sup>rd</sup> month	\$
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within 4 <sup>th</sup> month	\$
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within 5 <sup>th</sup> month	\$
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	\$
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	\$
1814	110	2814	55	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	\$
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility/Reissue issue fee	\$
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	\$
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	\$
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	\$
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of IDS	\$ 180
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$

Other fee (specify)

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